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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

20 October 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Vance
Admiral Raborn
Dr. Hornig

SUBJECT: DNRO Action Memoranda Nos. 1 and 2

1. Attached for your information are DNRO Action Memoranda Nos. 1 and 2 on the new search system. These were prepared in pursuance of the discussion at the ExCom on 6 October 1965 (see ExCom-M-1, paragraphs 2 through 4). The task groups began work on 19 October 1965.

2. Comparable action memoranda on the [redacted] will be issued shortly.

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Attachments

- DNRO Action Memorandum No. 1
- DNRO Action Memorandum No. 2

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DNRO ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 1

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for the Project Management Task Group for the New Photographic Satellite Search and Surveillance System

PURPOSE

To develop a project management plan assigning responsibilities and authorities and defining management channels for the new photographic satellite search and surveillance system.

OBJECTIVES

1. To recommend to the DNRO alternative project management arrangements, with pros and cons for each, for the new search system in consonance with the Agreement on the National Reconnaissance Program of 11 August. Each of the management arrangements shall include precise definitions of the interfaces and suitable provisions for interface coordination.
2. To prepare, subsequent to the receipt of DNRO decision/guidance on the preceding task, a suitable final project management directive.

PROCEDURES

1. A Project Management Task Group is hereby established to accomplish the foregoing objectives. It will be composed of: Brig. General James T. Stewart, NRO, Chairman; Mr. John McMahon, CIA-CSP, member; and Colonel Paul Heran, SAFSP, member.
2. A written report will be submitted to the DNRO on the initial Task Group objective (Objectives - 1) within two weeks.

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3. The proposed final project management directive will be submitted for DNRO signature within two weeks after receipt of his decision/guidance on the initial task.

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15 OCT 1963

DNRO ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 2

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference for the Technical Task Group
for the New Photographic Satellite Search and
Surveillance System

PURPOSE

To conduct those reviews and evaluations essential to a decision to proceed with the development of a new photographic satellite search and surveillance system.

TASK GROUP OBJECTIVES

1. Based on applicable USIB intelligence requirements, to prepare a statement of system operational requirements for a new satellite photographic search and surveillance system which defines the essential technical and operational criteria which must be met by the system.
2. To recommend a basic system configuration.
3. To recommend, on the basis of overall system requirements and interface constraints, the criteria to be used for subsystem design and source selection.
4. To formulate a preliminary master project plan (including schedules).
5. To prepare necessary project directives.

PROCEDURES

1. A technical Evaluation Task Group is hereby established to accomplish the foregoing objectives. It will be composed of: Colonel David Carter, NRO, Chairman; Mr. Leslie Dirks, OSP, member; and Colonel William King, SAFSP, member.

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2. The Task Group will adhere to the following guidelines and schedules, developing any additional procedures necessary to the achievement of the stated objectives:

a. Submit to the DNRO for approval, within two weeks, a proposed statement of system operational requirements and a proposed basic system configuration with supporting studies and rationale.

b. Submit to the DNRO for approval, within two weeks, appropriate directives and proposed membership for Subsystem Task Groups to conduct the source selection evaluation of major contractor design-proposals for the sensor, OCV, and RV. (Note: The Subsystem Task Groups will be expected to develop the detailed criteria and specific plans for source selection, and to establish any necessary subordinate technical evaluation groups.) At least the following subsystem groups will be established:

(1) Sensor Subsystem Task Group: The Chairman will be provided by OSP, with appropriate members from both OSP and SAFSP. Special precautions must be taken by this group in the preparation of detailed source selection criteria to take into account the differing stages of development among the camera competitors.

(2) Orbital Control Vehicle Subsystem Task Group: The Chairman will be provided by SAFSP, with appropriate members from both SAFSP and OSP.

(3) Recovery Vehicle Subsystem Task Group: The Chairman will be provided by the NRO Staff, with appropriate membership from both SAFSP and OSP.

c. Submit for DNRO approval, within three weeks, a preliminary master project plan.

d. Submit for DNRO approval, at appropriate times, necessary project directives.

e. Written reports will be submitted on all of the foregoing.

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